

Serial No. 10/582,475
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes replacement sheets for Figs. 1-3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS

Applicants believe that the drawing objection has been addressed as set forth in the Office Action.

The indication of the allowability of Claims 3, 4, 6-8 and 10 is noted with appreciation. In view of Claims 3 and 6 new being rewritten in independent form to include the features of original Claim 1, these claims as well as Claims 4 and 7 should now stand allowable. Confirmation of that allowance is requested.

The rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5 and 9 as being anticipated by DE '621, is, however, respectfully traversed, and reconsideration is requested in light of the amendments to Claim 1 and the following comments:

The DE '621 document neither teaches nor suggests a cab supporting structure in which a deformation region formed by a longitudinal member has a portion that extends both behind and below the seating region, and also extends to the front region of the safety cell. As Applicants have pointed out, their structure provides further compression volume suitable for short cabs, where a substantial compression volume would not otherwise be available. The DE '621 approach is much different and was characterized by Applicants at [0004] of their Specification.

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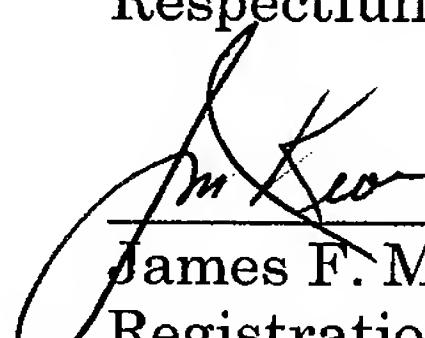
Accordingly, a *prima facie* anticipation case (or, for that matter, an obviousness case) cannot be made based upon the prior art of record. Therefore, early allowance of all claims in this application is now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.57769US).

Respectfully submitted,

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